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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting at [REDACTED]

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1. Time and Place of Meeting: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] from 1330 - 1630, 19 December 1955

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2. Attendance: [REDACTED]

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3. Purpose of Meeting: To monitor projects4. Discussion:

a. The lens is completed and meets the specifications as outlined in the proposal with the following exception: (1) The maximum diameter of the lens is 8" instead of the 7½" specified. (2) The barrel is equipped for use with the Exakta only instead of being adapted for use with the Exakta or the Leica as specified.

b. Pictures were taken with the subject device. The resulting pictures were better than those taken with the [REDACTED] camera which is equipped with a Zeiss 35" focal length Apo-Tessar. This would indicate, since the Zeiss is a higher quality lens, that the atmospheric conditions are the controlling parameter in determining the picture quality taken with the two lens systems. Further tests will be made comparing the two systems to better substantiate this conclusion.

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d. A ~~high~~ brief discussion was held regarding the [REDACTED] indicated they had initiated looking into the patent problem. They have also determined that [REDACTED] the inventor, would desire \$1,000 in royalties on a lot of six units. [REDACTED] indicated that this was only an initial contact and further negotiation between his company and [REDACTED] will be undertaken when the patent situation has been better defined. At that time [REDACTED] will inform APD what course of action [REDACTED] plans to take. It is hoped that [REDACTED]

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can be persuaded to accept in return for his idea a portion of the fixed fee received by [ ] under this task. Such an arrangement would enable the present contract to be initiated without any need for further authorization of funds for royalties to [ ]. Such an allocation of additional funds would probably be undesirable and possibly unallowable under the Agency set up.

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e. [ ] indicated that an easier means to receive additional funds for projects, up to a limited per centage of the contract price, would greatly assist the handling of work. Presently the contracts are figured without any margin of safety. Bidding with a margin of safety would not only increase the fee but would reflect badly on the contractor on a competitive bid.

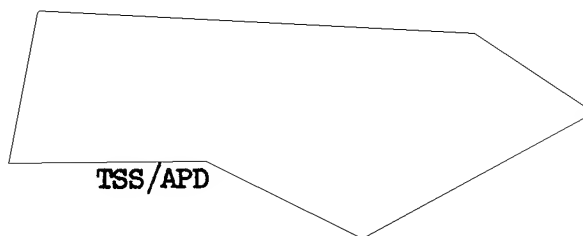
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5. Conclusions: [ ] has shown satisfactory progress. The collapsing lens barrel and the [ ] are complete and ready for APD testing.

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6. Recommendations: It is recommended that requirements and procedures in authorization of additional funds be discussed with contracts.



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